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Attorney Docket No. TA-00496

In re Application of: **Slade H. Gardner**

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Serial No.: **TBA**

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Filed: **Herewith**

For: **Method of Forming Ecoceramic-Based Silicon-Carbide Tooling for Composites and  
Method for Forming Composites Using Same**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX: NO FEE AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir or Madam:

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